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SUBJECT: CHILEAN EXILES ARRIVE FOR WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

1. FORMER CHILEAN FONMIN CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA WAS RECEIVED BY GOM FONSEC RABASA ON ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY FEBRUARY 15. ALMEYDA TOLD REPORTERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT NEW US TRADE ACT SHOWED US LACK OF MATURITY. RABASA SAID ALMEYDA HAD BEEN OFFERED RESIDENT STATUS IN MEXICO AND PROFESSORSHIP AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. (HE HINTED THAT ALMEYDA HAD ACCEPTED.) RABASA SAID CHILE'S PROPOSAL TO SEND 200 EXILES TO MEXICO WAS BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED; THIS COULD TAKE A LONG TIME.

2. CARLOS ALTAMIRANO, FORMER SEC GEN OF CHILEAN SOCIALIST PARTY, ALSO IN MEXICO FOR WAR CRIMES MEETING, RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE (EXCELSIOR) AS HE CALLED FOR SUPPORT BY THE LEFT TO OUST CHILEAN JUNTA. HE SAID CHILEAN SOCIALISTS WERE PREPARED TO MAKE ANY SACRIFICE AND EMPLOY ANY MEANS TOWARD THAT OBJECTIVE, AND HE EXPECTED SUPPORT OF CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS.

3. FORMER CHILEAN FONMIN ORLANDO LETELIER ARRIVED IN MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 16. HE WAS MET BY REPRESENTATIVE OF HEAD
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OF MEXICO'S RULING PARTY (PRI). LETELIER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT

MEETING WOULD FURTHER AWAKEN WORLD CONSCIENCE ON CHILE AND OBSERVED THAT "INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES" HAD WON LIBERATION OF ALMAYDA AND HIMSELF.

4. "THOUSANDS" REPORTEDLY ATTENDED "SOLIDARITY WITH CHILE" SHOW SPONSORED BY MEXICAN AND FOREIGN ARTISTS ON FEBRUARY 16. ANOTHER CEREMONY ALONG SIMILAR LINES WAS SCHEDULED AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR FEBRUARY 17.

5. COMMENT: THE THREE-DAY MEETING OF THE WAR CRIMES COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 18, WITH AN OPENING ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. US IS LIKELY TO SHARE TOP BILLING WITH CHILEAN JUNTA AS TARGET FOR RHETORIC AND INVECTIVE.
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